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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Anthony Collingwood, 23, Brooklyn, N.Y., was sentenced on Friday by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 13 months in prison and ordered to pay \$13,034 in restitution for unauthorized use of a credit card. Collingwood pleaded guilty to this charge on July 30, 2008.

On August 29, 2007, Collingwood and Michael Harris used several counterfeit credit cards to withdraw cash from several banks in Madison. In addition, Collingwood and Harris used the counterfeit credit cards to purchase meals and buy clothing.

On September 24, 2008, Harris was sentenced to 13 months in prison for his role in the case.

The charges against Harris were the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Secret Service. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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